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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not see any point of order in this. The reference is only to a recommendation. What I said was that the Government would not mind going out of the way in making certain recommendations. There is nothing wrong in making a recommendation."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Recommendations of Government, I believe, are mandatory. The implication at least is that the Government are convinced that the recommendation, would be generally complied with. Is that so? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid if the hon. Member's dictum is accepted, the Commissioner of Labour may not be able to do much service that he is able to do now by way of conciliation, recommendation, etc."

Subdivision of poramboke lands cultivated by Harijans in Naraiyur and Nager villages in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 698 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state why the poramboke lands in Naraiyur and Nager villages in Vriddhachalam taluk now cultivated by the poor Harijans have been subdivided?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No poramboke lands in Naraiyur and Nager villages in Vriddhachalam taluk are now cultivated by Harijans and no subdivisions were also effected."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Has any petition been received from the Harijans requesting permission for cultivation of these lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am not aware of any petition that has been received. But there are other assessed waste lands which have been given to these Harijans and they are cultivating them as a matter of fact."

Emblem of the British Crown on the buttons supplied with uniforms to the employees of the Government hospitals in the City of Madras.

* 699 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the buttons supplied to the Government hospital employees in Madras City along with uniforms even after Independence bear the emblem of the British Crown?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I have seen this myself in the Ophthalmic Hospital. When the nursing orderlies were supplied uniforms, I saw that the buttons on the uniforms bore this Crown emblem. Will the Government change it with a new emblem? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the information I have, buttons now supplied are plain and simple with no emblem."

SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR :—" When were these buttons impressed with the Crown emblem supplied? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Probably before the declaration of Independence."

Grant of wholesale foodgrains licences to certain Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 700 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the wholesale foodgrains licences granted to certain Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar were cancelled and, if so, why;

(*b*) whether the Government received any representations on behalf of Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies recently;

(*c*) and, if so, what were their main demands;

(*d*) what steps the Government have taken so far to maintain the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society Organization in Malabar intact; and

(*e*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) An answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether licences are given on the basis of cash and carry business or credit business as it was done some time back and if the former, may I know whether representations have been received by the Government asking for the credit system being introduced again in view of the fact that large sums of money are due to the societies? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to go through the answer wherein he will find an answer to this supplementary question also."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" The answer to clauses (*d*) and (*e*) of the main question reads as follows :—

'The question of reorganisation of the producers-*cum*-consumers' co-operative societies was examined by the Government and they found that such a reform should be brought about by the societies themselves and that the Government could only give them the necessary assistance in this regard.'

" Two societies in South Malabar, the Alanallur and Vaniyankulam Provincial Co-operative Credit Societies were converted into Co-operative Urban Banks. The Alanallur Society got a loan of Rs. 50,000 from the District Bank. When the Vaniyankulam

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